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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-SB08 is a list of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued September 24, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

- "1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-288472
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H09-238104
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-253449
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-115055

(Regarding Claims 1 to 6)

Described in regard to Figure 1 of Cited Literature 1 is the fact that the narrow band wireless communications used in ETC are applied, and multiple sets of circuit side equipment are lined up in the forward direction of the vehicle.

As indicated in Figure 4 of Cited Literature 2, the fact that the front and back areas are overlapped, and if, in the region of overlap, 2 time-sharing frames are received and a new region is entered, the time-sharing frame transmitted there is the one received is well known as a communication system.

ETC systems to which DSRC is applied are indicated in Cited Literature 3 and 4.

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched - IPC 7th Ed.

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Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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